

AGN. NO. 61C

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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AMENDMENT TO ITEM #61 - LANDSCAPE AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (Public Works) will be assuming operation of the three existing Landscape and Maintenance Districts (LMD's) effective October 1, 2014, from the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks). The operation of LMD's was a small unit within Parks that was difficult to administer because it was not in alignment with the mission and operations of the department.

Public Works operates many special districts similar to these LMD's and has extensive experience in the management, operation and special needs of these Districts. Consequently, operation of the LMD's can be more efficiently performed by Public Works since this will only be a small addition to their Lighting District operations, which are governed by the same Streets and Highways code Sections provided for the provision cited as the "Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972."

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The potential to increase efficiency and reduce the overall property tax burden would be a tremendous value added for tax payers. With that in mind, this Board should be given periodic updates on the progress of Public Works' absorption of the additional Landscape and Maintenance Districts within the structure of Public Works. Additionally, when each district is reassessed, residents should be given the opportunity to weigh-in on whether they want the County to continue performing these services or be given the option to dissolve the zone.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Public Works to report back to the Board in 120 days:

- 1) On an assessment of the financial viability of each Landscape and Maintenance District
- 2) A community outreach plan to share the findings of each district's viability
- 3) A plan for sharing options with the property owners for maintaining LMD services.

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